

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

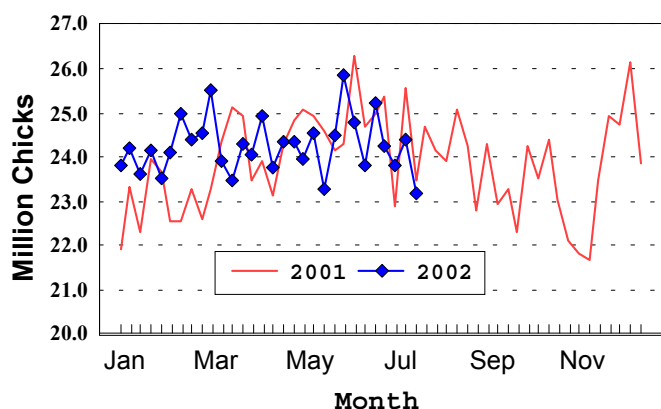
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending July 27, 2002. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.67 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 27, 2002 were 729.5 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, up 7.6 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 4.5 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.12 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

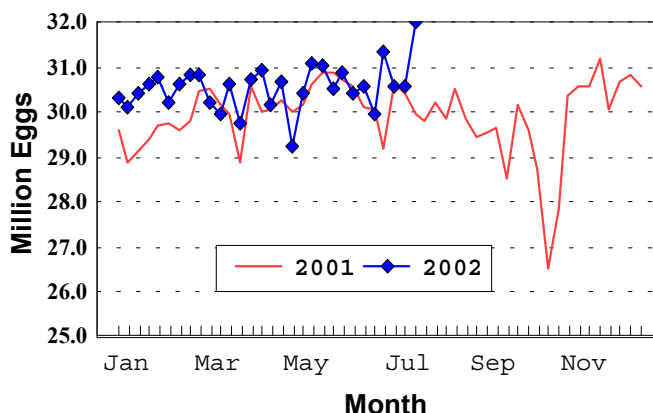
Arkansas hatcheries set 32.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 27, 2002, up 6.7 percent from the same period last year, and up 4.6 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
June 22	24,688	23,822	96	25,738	25,422	99	30,126	30,594	102
June 29	24,966	25,209	101	25,620	25,606	100	30,055	29,971	100
July 06	25,365	24,268	96	25,454	25,365	100	29,204	31,375	107
July 13	22,873	23,811	104	25,030	25,372	101	30,644	30,593	100
July 20	25,588	24,396	95	24,799	24,901	100	30,430	30,596	101
July 27	23,475	24,943	106	24,172	26,013	108	29,986	32,008	107

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	06-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul		22-Jun	29-Jun	06-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	
Alabama	29,241	29,240	28,829	29,559	101	22,103	22,739	21,904	21,316	21,767	21,719	104
ARKANSAS	31,375 *	30,593	30,596	32,008	106	23,822	25,209	24,268	23,811	24,396	24,943	106
Delaware	3,478	3,520	3,542	3,578	106	5,259	4,988	5,351	5,832	5,442	5,681	103
Florida	2,358	2,361	2,364	2,362	103	2,491	2,201	2,417	2,233	2,331	2,406	106
Georgia	31,739	32,588	31,925	32,189	104	26,052 *	25,965 *	26,612	26,183	26,274 *	25,673	105
Kentucky	6,673	6,788	6,781 *	6,661	102	5,876	5,373	5,586	4,837	5,237 *	5,344	108
Maryland	9,849	9,925	9,879 *	9,808	102	6,721	6,771	6,357	5,650	4,964 *	5,516	96
Mississippi	18,740	19,181	18,788	18,877	104	16,150	16,108	15,968	15,779	15,252	15,401	98
N. Carolina	18,848 *	18,269	18,485	18,232	100	15,558	15,555	14,672	15,138	14,188	15,049	106
Oklahoma	6,505	6,621	6,546	6,817	109	4,571	4,525	4,857	4,707	4,337	3,985	100
Pennsylvania	3,784	3,779 *	4,032 *	3,704	92	2,737	2,711	2,801	2,824 *	2,674 *	2,783	101
S. Carolina	4,649	4,895	4,716	4,751	97	3,741	4,028	3,957	3,767	4,087	3,633	91
Texas	15,148	14,680	14,618	14,679	106	12,282	12,199	12,195	11,722	11,498	11,996	102
Virginia	6,288 *	6,391	6,300	6,111	93	5,078	4,863	5,366	4,958	5,089 *	5,126	96
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	20,011	20,089	20,343 *	19,856	99	19,996	18,862	19,760	19,535	18,405 *	18,982	97
Total 2002	208,686 *	208,920 *	207,744 *	209,192		172,437 *	172,097 *	172,071	168,292 *	165,941 *	168,237	
Total 2001	202,616	207,061	208,170	204,300		170,489	170,027	169,801	165,397	164,118	164,605	
% Prev. Year	103	101	100	102		101	101	101	102	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending July 27, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 27, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 27, 2002 were 5.10 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.